

HUERTA's favorite quotation from the Bard of Avon: "Off with his head! So much for Buckingham!"

At the elections Tuesday New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maryland, Virginia and Kentucky went Democratic. In New York city the Fusionists defeated Tammany—showing it under by about 100,000 majority.

THE Kansas City Star is a paper which promotes Democracy by reviling and denouncing the party's ex-emplars. When you see it in the Star, just consider contrariwise and you'll be cheek-by-jowl with truth.

BUTTER is selling at forty to sixty cents a pound. I allude to "cow cutter." It is for the rich, only; the common folk eat their bread dry or souce it with flour gravy. A few years ago some ingenious crank invented a "poor man's butter," but the creamery people and the Genesee butter-makers stopped on the frontier this audacious invasion of their territory. They got a complainant Congress to tax it out of competition. Is a democratic administration to give its sanction to this outrageous enactment by permitting it to stand unvexed and unassailed?

Do you take note of how the functions of State government are being absorbed by the Federal? As Jefferson predicted, the latter, through its Department of Justice, is, day by day, encroaching upon the rights of the States—hewing away the barriers which the Fathers intended to stand between Federal centralization and the home rule necessary to the preservation of our liberties. Take the cases of the convicted dynamiters tried in the Federal court at Indianapolis: the States in which the crimes were committed ought to have had full jurisdiction over them. And now the Mann "white slave" law is being made the means of further eliminating the State. "Inter-State" crime is illogical; an offense must be committed within the territory of some sovereign state, and where committed there the jurisdiction should lie. Are the citizens of the offended commonwealths unwilling or unable to deal with the criminals? If this be so, then let us lay aside the false pretense that we are capable of self-government and acknowledge that the Revolutionary Sires contended against the gods and worshipped an ignis fatuus.

Before the Public Service Commission of the State of Missouri.

C. H. Casebolt, Complainant, VS.

The Sligo and Eastern Railroad Company, The Iron County Central Railroad Company and The Sligo Furnace Company, Defendants.

The complaint of C. H. Casebolt respectfully shows:

1. That he is a farmer and resides at Czar, Crawford County, Missouri.  
2. That The Sligo & Eastern Railroad Company is a railroad corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Missouri; that The Iron County Central Railroad is a railroad corporation organized under the laws of the State of Missouri; that The Sligo Furnace is a corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Missouri, and that each of said defendants have and maintain an office at 915, Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.

3. That defendant The Sligo Furnace Company is now engaged in owning and operating iron mines and a furnace at Sligo, Missouri for the purpose of smelting iron ore; that the defendant, The Sligo & Eastern Railroad Company own and operate a line of steam railroad from Sligo, Missouri to Dillard, Missouri a distance of twelve miles and is a common carrier of freight and passengers for hire; that said railroad connects with the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad at Sligo; that the complainant says that upon his information and belief that the said railroad from Sligo to Dillard was constructed about the year 1903; that shortly thereafter said line of railroad was extended from Dillard to Bixby, a distance of twelve miles; that since the completion of said extension The Sligo & Eastern Railroad has continued to operate and run its engine and cars over said road from Sligo to Dillard as well as from Dillard to Bixby; that said extension was constructed and built by the Sligo Furnace Company; that on the 17th of July, 1912, the Iron County Central Railroad was organized as a railroad corporation under the laws of the State of Missouri for the purpose of constructing an extension of said railroad from Bixby six miles eastward, and that said extension has been completed and is now in operation; that the said Sligo & Eastern Railroad Company is and has been for some time running and operating its engines and cars over said railroad from Sligo to Bixby and beyond to the end of the road; the Iron County Central Railroad procured a franchise from the county court of Iron by which it was permitted to construct and maintain its tracks across a public highway in said county; that said franchise was granted to the said company that it might serve the public with its line of railroad as a common carrier; that The Sligo Furnace Company owns and controls The Sligo & Eastern Railroad Company and The Iron County Central Railroad by ownership of stock therein or some other form of ownership to this complainant unknown; that the Sligo

& Eastern Railroad Company and the Iron County Central Railroad are arms of the Sligo Furnace Company; that the Sligo Furnace Company and the Sligo & Eastern Railroad Company have so operated said railroad from Dillard to Bixby as to exclude the public from receiving service by said railroad as a common carrier to the great advantage of said defendants and to the great detriment and injury of the public; that the Sligo & Eastern Railroad Company has continuously refused and now refuses to haul freight or passengers upon said railroad between Dillard and Bixby except such property as is owned and furnished for carriage by the Sligo Furnace Company and its employees; that the Sligo & Eastern Railroad Company hauls and carries over its said road, ties, timber, charcoal and merchandise belonging to and for the Sligo Furnace Company and refuses to carry property for other persons or to carry other persons as passengers on said railroad; that the Iron County Central Railroad, The Sligo & Eastern Railroad Company and the Sligo Furnace Company refuse to serve the public as a common carrier with said railroad from Bixby to the end of said Iron County Central Railroad to the great damage and injury of the public, notwithstanding the fact that the said Iron County Central Railroad is organized as a railroad corporation under the laws of the State of Missouri, and engaged in operating its road across the public highway by virtue of authority granted by the county court of Iron county, Missouri; that there is a great number of persons living in the vicinity of said line of railroad from Dillard to the end of said railroad who are desirous of traveling as passengers thereon and of shipping freight thereon; that there are large amounts of freight to be shipped by various persons upon said railroad consisting of farm products, ties, timber and merchandise all of which said defendants have refused and now refuse to transport for the public; that the defendants herein to the great advantage of the Sligo Furnace Company have conspired together to refuse the use of said railroad service to any and all persons except the Sligo Furnace; that the Sligo Furnace Company by reason of the fact that there is no other avenue of transportation in the vicinity of said railroad, is enabled to buy at greatly reduced prices the timber and other products of said country, it having by such conspiracy with the other defendants herein obtained a monopoly on the transportation service upon said line of railroad from Dillard to the end of the line of said road; that the said Sligo Furnace Company owns and controls a general merchandise store at Doyle, which is situated upon the line of the Iron County Central Railroad and ships its merchandise upon said railroad from Sligo to Doyle, and that defendants refuse to permit any other persons to ship merchandise over said railroad from Doyle to the end of its railroad; that the line of railroad from Sligo to Dillard and to Bixby and beyond to the end of the line is one continuous line of railroad under one ownership, namely, that of the defendant The Sligo Furnace Company that the Sligo Furnace Company owns and controls the Iron County Central Railroad and The Sligo & Eastern Railroad Company, that the defendants and each of them have wholly failed, as required by law, to furnish adequate transportation upon their said line of railroad from Dillard to Bixby and beyond to the end of their road for the public and for the transportation of passengers and property and have refused to accept from the public freights and passengers for transportation over their said line of railroad; that said defendants and each of them have wholly failed to file with the Public Service Commission of the State of Missouri, as required by law and to keep open for public inspection schedules of the rates, fares and charges for the transportation of passengers and property within this State, between each point upon its route and all other points thereon.

Wherefore, complainant prays that this commission order that the defendants be required to operate said railroad from Dillard to Bixby and beyond to the end of said line of railroad as a common carrier, and to receive and transport at reasonable rates all persons and property that may be tendered it for shipment over said line of railroad; and to file a schedule of rates and charges; that this commission order and require that defendants run and operate at least one train of cars each way each day over said line of railroad between Sligo and the terminus thereof, for the carriage of persons and property; that this Commission order that stations be established upon said railroad between Dillard and the end of the road at such intervals as to it may seem proper, at which places the trains will be required to stop for the reception and discharge of freight and passengers; and that depot buildings be erected at such stations as will reasonably accommodate the shippers and passengers of said railroads.

C. H. CASEBOLT, Complainant.  
Dated at Czar, Missouri, this fifteenth day of October, 1913.  
State of Missouri, County of Crawford—ss, C. H. Casebolt being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is complainant in this action entitled as above; that he has read the foregoing complaint and knows the contents thereof; and that the same is true of his own knowledge except as to matters which are therein stated on information or belief, and that as to those matters he believes it to be true.

C. H. CASEBOLT.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this fifteenth day of October, 1913.  
R. S. BARR, Notary Public.

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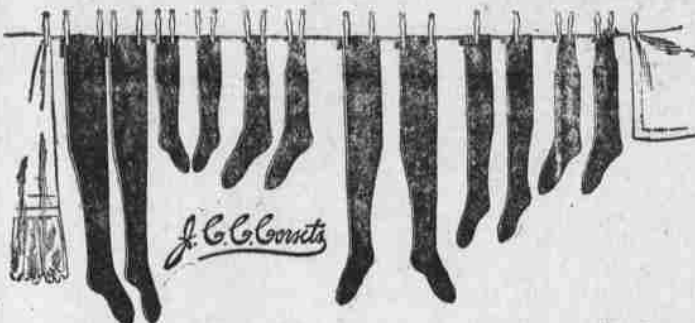
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